

pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688) that is federally recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

(Authority: 25 U.S.C. 450b(e))

*Stipend* means a subsistence allowance for a student that is necessary for the student to participate in a project funded under this program.

*Tribal organization* means the recognized governing body of any Indian tribe or any legally established organization of Indians that is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by that governing body or that is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by the organization and that includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities. However, in any case where a contract is let or grant made to an organization to perform services benefiting more than one Indian tribe, the approval of each of those Indian tribes must be a prerequisite to the letting or making of that contract or grant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2313(a)(1)(A), (b); 25 U.S.C. 450b(1))

### **Subpart B—How Does One Apply for an Award?**

#### **§ 401.10 How are applications submitted?**

(a) An application from a tribal organization, other than a Bureau-funded school, must be submitted to the Secretary by the Indian tribe.

(b) An application for a project to serve more than one Indian tribe must be approved by each tribe to be served.

(c) An application from a Bureau-funded school may be submitted directly to the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2313(b)(1); 25 U.S.C. 450b)

### **Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?**

#### **§ 401.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?**

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in § 401.21.

(b) The Secretary may award up to 100 points, including a reserved 15 points to be distributed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, based on the criteria in § 401.21.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses after the heading for each criterion.

(d) For each competition, as announced through a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may assign the reserved points among the criteria in § 401.21.

(e) In addition to the 100 points to be awarded based on the criteria in § 401.21, the Secretary awards—

(1) Up to 5 points to applications that propose exemplary approaches that involve, coordinate with, or encourage tribal economic development plans; and

(2) Five points to applications from tribally controlled community colleges that—

(i) Are accredited or are candidates for accreditation by a nationally recognized accreditation organization as an institution of postsecondary vocational education; or

(ii) Operate vocational education programs that are accredited or are candidates for accreditation by a nationally recognized accreditation organization and issue certificates for completion of vocational education programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2313(b))

#### **§ 401.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?**

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application:

(a) *Program factors.* (20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which it—

(1) Proposes measurable goals for student enrollment, completion, and placement (including placement in jobs